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constructed a large-scale bridge between Bulgaria and Rumania. Half of the bridge's cost was to be shared between the two countries, with four other countries (USSR, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Poland) contributing the other half of the total cost.

The bridge was started in 1952 and completed in 1954 at a cost of approximately 200 million rubles. Rumania and Bulgaria contributed about 140 million rubles with the remaining countries providing 60 million rubles.

Problems in this case of international cooperation focused on that of cost. No preliminary cost survey of the bridge was made prior to starting construction. Czechoslovakia and Hungary doubled the asking price for equipment they were to supply to the project. Later, a downward adjustment in the prices recommended was realized.

At the meeting on 10 July, the Committee discussed recent French-Rumanian negotiations for television transmitting equipment. The negotiations were stopped when the Rumanian insisted that the French supply microwave radio relay equipment for use in a TV network. The microwave radio relay equipment is on the International List and the French refused to ship this equipment to Rumania.

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On 17 July the Committee will discuss current items of interest.

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